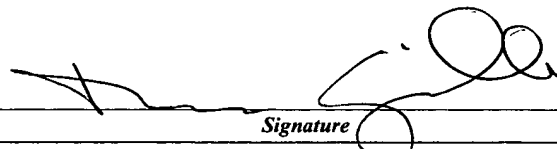
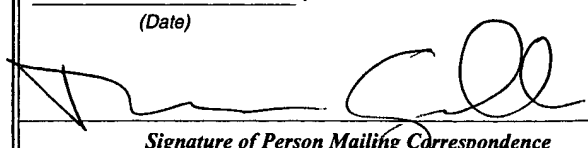


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>					Docket No. <b>14666</b>	
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Invention: <b>OPTICAL SCANNING PROBE SYSTEM</b>						
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.						
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 14, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

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